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Teacher Prep Accreditation Committee Gets Job Done

SACRAMENTO – The Commission on Teacher Credentialing's (Commission) appointed Committee of Accreditation (COA) reviewed a total of twenty entities seeking either initial approval or accreditation for their California educator preparation programs. At the April 21-22, 2011 meeting, work presented by staff and COA reviewers evaluating everything from institutional viability to program quality and effectiveness was analyzed by the 12-member COA that includes members of both K-12 and higher education communities. The COA considers staff recommendations but reserves the authority to make final decisions by vote. COA staff presented 11 programs for initial approval and 9 institutions for continuing accreditation.

The approval process is two-fold. Programs wishing to offer educator preparation must first receive initial institutional approval, demonstrating their ability to meet current program standards and preconditions adopted by the Commission. These written responses must include a program proposal describing how each standard and precondition is met and appropriate supporting documentation. Once COA reviewers determine the proposal is sufficient, a recommendation for approval is made to the COA.

In addition to approving new programs for educator preparation, the COA coordinates an ongoing cycle of accrediting these institutions and the programs offered. Following site visits including extensive review of program data and documentation as well as interviews with faculty, program participants and completers, administrators and public school personnel, a site visit team brings a full report with accreditation recommendations to the COA for final review and approval. This accreditation process ensures programs are providing complete and effective training for future school personnel that meet the standards adopted by California for the preparation of credential candidates.

The following programs received initial approval from the COA: for their Bilingual Authorization programs, **California State Polytechnic University, Pomona** for Spanish,

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Cantonese and Mandarin, and **California State University, Channel Islands** and **University of San Francisco** for Spanish; **Concordia University** for its Preliminary Education Specialist Credential in Mild/Moderate Disabilities program; **University of California, Los Angeles, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Francisco State University**, and **California School for the Deaf** for their programs in Clear Education Specialist Credential; **Bay Area School of Enterprise (REACH Institute)** for its Preliminary Administrative Services Credential program; and, for their programs in Pupil Personnel Services – School Counseling, **Concordia University** and **University of California, Los Angeles**.

In addition, the following institutions received accreditation decisions for the programs listed:

Institution and Programs	Accreditation Decision
Alhambra Unified School District General Education (Multiple and Single Subject) Induction Program	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2011-04/2011-04-item-10.pdf
The Master's College Multiple Subject, Preliminary Single Subject, Preliminary	Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2011-04/2011-04-item-11.pdf
Paramount Unified School District General Education (Multiple and Single Subject) Induction Program	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2011-04/2011-04-item-13.pdf
Azusa Unified School District General Education (Multiple and Single Subject) Induction Program	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2011-04/2011-04-item-14.pdf
Milpitas Unified School District General Education (Multiple and Single Subject) Induction Program	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2011-04/2011-04-item-18.pdf
El Rancho Unified School District General Education (Multiple and Single Subject) Induction Program	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2011-04/2011-04-item-20.pdf

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San Jose State University Multiple Subject, Preliminary and Clear with BCLAD Single Subject, Preliminary and Clear Education Specialist, Level I and II Mild/Moderate Moderate/Severe Administrative Services, Preliminary and Clear Pupil Personnel Services School Counseling Social Work Child Welfare Speech Language Pathology Teacher Librarian Adapted Physical Education Reading Language Arts Certificate and Specialist Credential	Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2011-04/2011-04-item-22.pdf

Finally, two institutions completed a revisit with accreditation reviewers, as previously directed by the COA. **Santa Clara University** and **San Diego Christian College** were deemed to have met all criteria necessary to change the COA's previous decisions to Accreditation. Their full accreditation reports can be read along with the full COA agenda at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2011-04/2011-04-coa.html>.

The COA will meet next on May 25-26, 2011 at the Commission offices in Sacramento, CA.

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